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Year 5 CALFED Program Progress and Balance

Action Item

California Bay-Delta Authority

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CALFED Has Been Successful!

- More than 500,000 acre-feet of new water
- Sacramento River salmon runs highest since the 1950s
- Improved water quality
- Levees are being maintained, some levees are stronger than before
- Scientific information is used to improve decision making
- Debates occur and decisions are made in public

Delays in ROD Schedule

- Some schedules were unreasonable at the outset
- Unforeseen circumstances such as:
 - Inadequate funding
 - Pelagic organism decline
 - Contract issues
 - Hiring freeze

Unmet Expectations

- Delta levee system is inadequate
- No fundamental water supply or conveyance improvement
- Delta ecosystem for pelagic organisms is failing
- Water quality has not improved enough
- Science has few clear answers

Basic Concern:

These problems will continue

Other Concerns ...

- State will tax water users inappropriately to support programs that do not work
- Users who benefit will not pay their fair share
- The public at large will subsidize water
- Exports will be increased/decreased
- Levees will be ignored
- Water quality issues will be ignored
- The ecosystem will continue to fail
- My issue or program will be ignored or unfunded

Proposed Solution:

- 10-year Action Plan
 - Refocused CALFED Program that is balanced
 - Specific near-term funding identified
 - Future funding ranges
 - Implementing agency commitment to schedules for future activities

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Recommended Action: Adopt the 2005 Statement of Program Accomplishments and Progress, for inclusion in the Annual Report transmitted to the Governor, Secretary of the Interior, Legislature and Congress

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